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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): Tetsuo SAEKI

For: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of fourty-eight (48) pages
- Four (4) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority based on Appl. No(s). 2000-065786 filed in Japan on March 9, 2000.
 - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
 - Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

Preliminary Amendment

Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

Other: Information Sheet

Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

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The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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